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Site: Clark Oil and Refinery
Site Location: 201 East Hawthorne, Hartford, Madison County,
Illinois
Response Authority: OPA
Delivery Order #: Not Applicable. PRP cleanup.
Start Date: March 11, 1994

Incident Category: Active Production Facility

POLREF: Polrep 3

SITUATION :

On March 11, 1994, the U.S. EPA National Response Center (NRC) received a call at approximately 1600, informing them of an asphalt spill at Clark Oil and Refinery in Hartford, Illinois. Approximately 25,000 gallons of an asphalt/diesel mixture spilled onto land following a pipeline rupture. The material flowed into a nearby drainage ditch which flows to an NPDES discharge point on the Mississippi River. This spill was stopped approximately 200 feet east of the river by the construction of an earthen dam. The exact time of the pipeline rupture is unknown. However, the facility noticed 1500 barrels of the asphalt missing at approximately 0800 that morning and found it at approximately 1400. Cleanup actions were begun by Clark immediately following identification of spill.

ACTIONS TAKEN

On April 11, 1994, all cleanup actions halted due to heavy rains and flooding of the Mississippi River. The extreme north end of the north-south ditch and the area under the pipeline need to be excavated further. The east-west ditch which ran to the river and the north-south ditch which ran towards the pipeline were excavated. Backfilling of the clean ditches began prior to the heavy rains.

On April 19, 1994, another asphalt spill of approximately 5 to 10 barrels from the same pipeline occurred inside the facility. Clark decided to abandon this pipeline. They were recommended by IEPA to contact U.S. DOT Pipeline Safety regarding guidelines to follow for abandoning a pipeline.

To date, no cleanup actions have resumed at the Clark facility due to flooded, muddy conditions. Clark plans to resume cleanup once water level is down to a working condition.